

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A support bandage for a joint between bones₁ comprising:

a small fraction having two opposite first longitudinal sides; and

a large fraction having two opposite second longitudinal sides, the first longitudinal sides being respectively sewn to the ~~with two opposite second longitudinal sides of a large fraction,~~

wherein the small fraction is incurved towards the large fraction, and has two arcuate seams ~~on the small fraction, and~~ with a segment between the two arcuate seams being is more incurved than two end segments outside the arcuate seams, ~~and the two arcuate seams being locatable at an inside of are away from~~ a wearer's ~~wearer-'s~~ joint;

wherein before being sewn up, the small fraction has a first top side and a first bottom side between the first longitudinal sides, and a crescent upper opening and a crescent lower opening, the upper opening being curved upwards and the lower opening being curved downwards, each opening having a middle portion that is wider than two end portions, the first longitudinal sides being incurved; and

wherein the large fraction has a second top side and a second bottom side between the second longitudinal sides, the second longitudinal sides being incurved.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The support bandage for a joint between bones as claimed in claim 1, ~~2~~, wherein the small fraction and the large fraction are connected at an upper corner.